

BLACKENED WASTES

**In North Carolina—The Turpentine Districts Almost
Entirely Wiped Out—Many Houses Burned and
Much Property Lost—Families Rendered
Homeless—The Power of a Norther.**

RALPH, N. C., April 4.—For three days and nights the most destructive fire ever known has been devastating the southern border of this State, extending into eleven counties. Vast forests of long-leaved pines were attacked. These form the chief source of lumber supply. High wind fanned the flames into a fury. Hundred thousands of trees were burned. Some of the largest turpentine orchards in the State were ruined, and many farm houses were destroyed. The people are bravely fighting the fire.

Many of the people narrowly escaped destruction. At Manly, on the Raleigh road, last August, a number of houses were burned. Large stores of lumber and railroad ties on the line of the road were burned. Dozens of turpentine distilleries were ruined.

The country in great stretches is but a blackened wilderness. The extent of the

master is not yet known or fully realized. Many families are homeless. The fire swept fifty miles in one direction and thirty in another, few places it is reported escaping. The fire was caused by burning brush. A high wind drove the sparks into the turpentine woods. The fire extended into South Carolina on the line of the Charlotte-Columbia & Augusta Railroad. Trains have been running through miles of

**A Destructive North-
er.**—Little Rock, Ark., April 4.—News from Lawrence county, Ark., dated the 21st, says a severe norther had been prevailing for twenty-six hours, causing great destruction. The fences were blown away and sparks from the chimneys and burning log piles were scattered broadcast, igniting and destroying many houses. There is great excitement. Details of the damage have not yet been obtained.

THE "CANNON BALL LINE." A copy of the certificate of incorporation of the Mt. Vernon, Cochocton & Wheeling Railway Co., which was filed in the office of the Secretary of State yesterday. The capital stock is originally \$100,000, but steps have been taken to increase the same to \$500,000, and the authority is granted to issue bonds according to the terms of the act.

line into the city are being prepared, and as soon as an estimate can be made of the probable cost of the right of way an ordinance will be asked for granting the right, together with a proposition asking from the city and Ohio county a sum not exceeding \$50,000 one-half to be paid within the first

The proposed line is from the eastern pier of the proposed bridge to Tenth street, near the Second Ward Market House, following the alley between Main and Market streets. A list of the property holders is now being

property affected. This movement is not to be understood as antagonizing any other interests, but to comply with the laws of the State, over foreign railroad corporations, doing business in this State either over an independent line or over the line of any other railroad company. One of the Directors of the

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and Telegraphic News. The Scotia is due down at an early hour this morning.

The Frank Stehn has entered the Marietta and Galipolis trade.

The Jennie Campbell and barges are loaded.

The marks last evening indicated a depth of 18 feet 6 inches and was rising.

Major Groves, a special Government criminal from Washington, is in the city for the purpose of inspecting the Benwood ferry.

One of the flats sunk by the towboat Hawk a few days ago lies at the foot of Mingo towed to the left of the channel and bears

To-morrow the Parkersburg Transportation packets will commence making their Sunday trips. The Dinner will leave at eight o'clock.

The St. Lawrence arrived before noon, and the passengers for this city. These Sunday trips should prove very popular. A person may leave here Sunday morning, go down the river for forty miles, then getting on the up-river packet return, reaching here Sunday night.

erday and got away about 3 o'clock r. w. She will be down from Pittsburgh late tonight and get away for Cincinnati tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock. The St. Lawrence is widely known along the river as one of the best eat and best appointed passenger packets on the Ohio. She is officered by gentlemen.

The St. Lawrence had a good manifest yesterday, considering the present scarcity of freight. Among other items for this point were 748 bags of wheat for the Pacific Mills of this city, M. and J. Pollock, proprietors.

These bags containing on an average about three bushels, came from Kentucky. The freight was 10 cents per bag. This is as low as wheat has been carried for several years. The Pacific Mills has been receiving several wheat shipments from Kentucky of late.

The Parkersburg State Journal has the fo

Superintending the repairs on the Shackett Lock was in the city last night. He is very much discouraged over the result of the work on the lock. The river rises at the most inopportune times, and destroys the work already accomplished. The repairs

will still be continued, and as the work is already done, has been under difficulties, we hope they may have better success in the future."

GREENSBORO, Pa., April 14.—River 17 feet 9 inches and falling; weather cloudy.

OLIVE CITY, PA., April 4.—River 6 feet 3 inches; weather clear and windy.

Brownsville, Pa., April 4—River 11 feet 4 inches and falling; weather clear; thermometer 54°.